

each R^4 is independently ~~a noninterfering substituent~~ selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, acyl, aroyl, heteroaryl, NH-aroyl, halo, OR, NR_2 , SR, SOR, SO_2R , OCOR, NRCOR, $NRCONR_2$, $NRCOOR$, $OCOR_2$, RCO, COOR, alkyl-OOCR, SO_3R , $CONR_2$, SO_2NR_2 , $NRSO_2NR_2$, CN, CF_3 , R_3Si , and NO_2 , wherein each R is independently H, alkyl, alkenyl or aryl, and two of R^4 on adjacent positions can be joined to form a fused, optionally substituted aromatic or nonaromatic, saturated or unsaturated ring which contains 3-8 members, or R^4 is =O or an oxime, oximeether, oximeester or ketal thereof;

m is 0-4;

Ar is an aryl group substituted with 0-5 ~~noninterfering substituents, wherein two adjacent noninterfering substituents can form a fused ring of 3-8 members~~ substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, acyl, aroyl, heteroaryl, NH-aroyl, halo, OR, NR_2 , SR, SOR, SO_2R , OCOR, NRCOR, $NRCONR_2$, $NRCOOR$, $OCOR_2$, RCO, COOR, alkyl-OOCR, SO_3R , $CONR_2$, SO_2NR_2 , $NRSO_2NR_2$, CN, CF_3 , R_3Si , and NO_2 , wherein each R is independently H, alkyl, alkenyl or aryl, and wherein two of said optional substituents on adjacent positions can be joined to form a fused, optionally substituted aromatic or nonaromatic, saturated or unsaturated ring which contains 3-8 members.

2-4. (canceled)

2. ~~5.~~ (original): The compound of claim 1 wherein each of i and j is 0.

3. ~~6.~~ (original): The compound of claim ~~2~~¹ wherein j is 0.

7-8. (canceled)

4. ~~9.~~ (currently amended): The compound of claim 1 wherein R^7 is H, ~~or is optionally substituted~~ alkyl or acyl.

10-11. (canceled)

5. ~~12.~~ (previously presented): The compound of claim 1 wherein L^1 is CO.